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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PBOR, SO,ET

SUBJ: WSLF CLAIMS TWO TOWNS TAKEN, FIGHTING IN HARAR

1. WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF) COMMUNIQUE DATED JAN. 23 CONTENDS THAT ETHIOPIAN ATTACKS ON BABILE, FIAMBIRO, AND HARAR WERE REPULSED ON JAN. 22. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO ASSERTED THAT SOMALI COUNTERATTACKS ROUTED ETHIOPIANS FROM BABILE AND FIAMBIRO, AND THAT FIGHTING HAS SPREAD TO WITHIN HARAR ITSELF. A WSLF DANAB REPORT DATED JAN. 24 CLAIMS THAT
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HUGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WERE CAPTURED FROM THE ETHIOPIANS AND PREDICTS THAT WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS HARAR ITSELF WILL FALL.

2. THERE WAS AMPLE EXCITEMENT AT THE SOMALI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AFTERNOON OF JAN. 24. USIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE THERE ON OTHER BUSINESS WAS TOLD BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS WSLF STORY

IS ACCURATE EXCEPT THAT IT WAS SOMALIS THEMSELVES WHO LAUNCHED THE ATTACK IN THE FIRST PLACE. MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO SAID THEY HAD HEARD BUT NOT YET ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT SEVERAL CUBANS WERE CAPTURED IN THE FIGHTING. PARENTHETICALLY EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO PAO INQUIRY JAN. 24 SAID THAT VISIT BY LOCAL WESTERN JOURNALIST INTERESTED IN COVERING MILITARY SITUATION WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. EMBASSY HAS INDICATIONS THAT THERE WAS INTENSIFICATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITY BEGINNING JANUARY 22.
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